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NEW ENGLAND LUMBER.

Frequently do we come face to face with the matter of high prices without understanding the reason for such. Today people will point out the marked difference between the price for various kinds of lumber in comparison with what was paid some years ago. The change is decided, and not only that but it is in a good way to become much worse unless steps are taken to overcome one important reason for it.

There is in session in Boston this week a conference of the foresters of New England and they are putting emphasis upon this very matter and endeavoring to bring the people of the New England states to a realization of the conditions, that greater action be taken to overcome them. It is to a great extent a reiteration of the old story of the denuded New England hillsides and dependence upon other states for the lumber required while the amount of waste land continues to increase. It is one of the ways in which New England must give consideration to the maintenance of its industries. New England is producing less than a billion and a half board feet of lumber and a million and a half cords of pulp wood, but 40 per cent of the lumber utilized is obtained from outside, some from the other side of the country.

It is frequently pointed out that there are plenty of trees to be seen, but at the rate the wooded areas are disappearing the supply of lumber and pulp wood will be exhausted in 25 years. Much can be done in the way of new growth in that time if an extensive effort is begun now in the way of reforestation. It is a situation that doesn't warrant further delay. Not only do we need the lumber but there is quite as good need for converting the waste land into divided producing tracts. Lumbering the opportunity of overcoming the huge transportation expense involved in getting lumber from distant points is not to be overlooked when it is realized that in Connecticut alone something like three million dollars are spent yearly for transporting the imported lumber.

The foresters are placing much emphasis upon the situation but they have every reason for doing so. Properly presented facts do much in getting needed results.

THE BORAH PROPOSAL.

What appears to be efforts to throw themselves into the fight to have recently been by the action of members of congress through the presentation of amendments to appropriation bills in which they undertake to tell the administration what it ought to do, only to have it announced after much amendment have been offered that what was sought is only what the administration has under way.

It was only a few years ago that instructions were offered to the president to call a conference of the foreign powers with a view to placing a limit on the number of warships under 10,000 tons that could be built. Since then Senator Borah has launched his amendment urging the president to call an economic conference to deal with the war of Europe.

No effort was apparently made to find out what, if anything, the administration was doing along these lines, and it was not until debate was engaged in concerning the amendments was it brought out that the administration had long since anticipated such matters, had engaged in inquiries and was making as much progress with them as conditions would justify. The amendments are subject to the discretion of the chief executive, even if adopted, but they are unrealistic for and in the case of the latter go far beyond anything that this country could expect to undertake.

Sensor Borah is undertaking to delegate authority to the president without knowing what the situation might require. He is undertaking to include many things that could not be approved and to do it at a time that serves only to embarrass the administration. Instead of working with the president in efforts which are already underway he undertakes to give an entirely wrong impression to those countries already being sounded by the government. It is a move that tells fair to better rather than to help.

THE HER ROUGE AFFAIR.

The situation that has been revealed in the Louisiana city of Her Rouge may well cause other communities to have a disposition to encourage mob rule to reflect upon such a method of dealing with lawlessness. Whether the attempt to fasten responsibility upon a former mayor is successful, it is impossible to overlook the fact that he admits that the men whose bodies have been found bound with wire at the bottom of a lake were numbered among the best characters of the community. The inference is that in view of this fact there were those who assumed the responsibility of taking their lives in an effort to clean up the city and rid it of such persons.

That is of course nothing more than the manifestation of that same spirit which is disclosed at lynchings and burnings at the stake. There is nothing whatever that justifies it under the law, for it is in itself quite as much a violation of the law as anything that

the accused persons were guilty of, and in many instances much worse. Any community that can pride itself upon respect for established law will tolerate no such performance. There is no justification for it. If those men who were killed were guilty of an offense there was the machinery available for dealing with them. Those who undertook to take the law into their own hands should have been more eager to give their support to the enforcement of the law rather than trying to place themselves above the law. It was of course nothing more than the outcropping of that deplorable lynching spirit that pervades too great a part of the south, and which has unfortunately been too successful in shielding its own lawlessness while shouldering the responsibility of exacting frightful penalties for various infractions by others. Those who were guilty of participating in the Her Rouge affairs should get the full penalty for their crimes.

AUTOS AND HIGHWAYS.

Two important propositions are to come before the general assembly at the coming session and both are prompted by the automobiles. Because of the large amount of motor traffic on the road between Bridgeport and New York, and the large proportion of slower moving vehicles to the faster ones, there is advanced the idea of building an entirely new highway between the cities for the purpose of taking care of the traffic and reducing the liability of accidents. The aim would be to have the trucks use one highway and the pleasure vehicles the other, though the difficulty of enforcing such an arrangement would be apparent. This of course means a further discrimination in favor of the motor trucks over the railroads in the matter of transportation since the roads are obliged to build their own lines and pay taxes for that which is provided for the motor trucks doing the same business.

Another proposition, and one that is advanced by the motor vehicle commission, is to establish a court for the purpose of dealing with the cases arising from the automobiles. There are communities where much business results from that reason. Traffic courts would indicate a specialization in that line of offenses with a view to speeding action and the dealing out of justice to all concerned without the wide variety of fines that are imposed today.

That there will be other bills concerning the automobile is to be expected. There is seldom a session of the legislature without such matters getting their share of attention, but it remains to be seen whether Connecticut is prepared to go into the heavy expenditures that would be involved by these two leading measures which have taken more or less definite shape.

LOUIS PASTEUR.

While the celebration of the centenary of the birth of Louis Pasteur was entered in Paris, most every quarter of the globe had an interest therein because of the important contributions which the great scientist made to the world as the result of his long and devoted studies for the relief of humanity. It would be impossible to tell how much good has been accomplished by his discoveries or how many lives have been saved as the result of his successful experiments. He dug into the unknown and he produced effective results. He was a seeker after prevention as well as a cure and he brought about both. He was responsible for a large decrease in the number of deaths, the reduction of the number of cases of disease and he didn't believe that what he was able to accomplish in the way of preventive medicine should be so carefully guarded that none but himself could administer it.

Pasteur was responsible for the annihilation of anthrax in cattle and because of his experiments others were able to establish a system of practical anti-sepsis in hospitals. Then following years of close attention to the treatment of hydrophobia he was able to overcome the horrors of that terrible disease and the Pasteur treatment for such cases is a great relief to mankind.

Pasteur was not given to amassing wealth. He was engaged in that most commendable work of serving others and it was a service that brought him much happiness and a reputation that will last through the centuries, even though it didn't make him a millionaire. France, particularly, has every reason to be proud of him and his accomplishments. But that pride is by no means confined to France. His ability as a scientist places him in the front rank of those who have contributed invaluable discoveries to the world and whose name continues to be frequently referred to though it is nearly a quarter of a century since his death occurred.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The man on the corner says: What has become of those who used to be just dying for a sleighride?

Sarah Bernhardt isn't willing to admit that she has made her final fare well tour.

It is useless to look upon a cold snap as a cinch for the household where the pieces of fuel are numbered.

Congress of course is happy to get back to business again and will hasten to do everything that is expected of it.

One great indoor sport this winter is to get the heater to do twice as much work on about half the regular ration.

Several have offered opinions but the solution of Europe's problems will continue to be an open contest through the winter.

When London doubts that the United States is about to lend Germany a billion and a half it is surely on a safe ground.

The Baltimore and Ohio passes out a list of million to those who stick by the track. Another proof that it pays to be faithful.

There is a strong opposition by the people to having Arbuckle films pushed before them. And it is likely that picture houses will take the cue.

Probably the new president of Poland will not object to what he is called for short, provided someone doesn't call him as his predecessor was.

What must be regarded as excellent cooperation by the Norwich people with the fire prevention workers and the fire department was the fact that not a fire resulted from the use of candles on other hazardous materials during the Christmas celebrations.

RURAL WOES

"I had no idea farming was such a difficult work," complained a little creature in the heavenly blue satin negligee, who was doing artful things to her hair, "I tell you, I nearly lost my mind."

"What do you know about farming?" scoffed her friend, who had just dropped in, attired in a brand-new fur wrap she wanted to display. "You haven't the slightest idea how a pumpkin looks on the hoof or what to do when the pump is frozen."

"I tell you what Ferdinand and I had an intensive course in the trials and tribulations of bucolic life when we visited that week with his cousin out in Duplex county," sighed the dainty little creature. "Cousin Philbrook has a scientific farm, on which things are supposed to move like clockwork."

"Ferdinand and I had done so many things we shouldn't that we simply fell all over ourselves offering our services when Cousin Philbrook said he didn't have a man on the place who had time to go to the next town to take a bath bought from a neighbor five miles distant. And there was also a batch of special hens."

"It was a gorgeous day and we wanted to know, timidly as befitting city girls, why we couldn't bring the live stock home. Cousin Philbrook looked us over and shook his head, but finally he said he guessed he'd have to trust us and could either of us drive a horse?"

"We had the nicest ride over to the place where the cow and the chickens were waiting and I decided right then and there that I should simply love to be a farmer, what with all that fresh air and sunlight."

"I had no idea cows were so big. The neighbor led her on behind with a rope and set the crate of hens at our feet. The situation made me somewhat nervous. If I turned around to see whether the Guernsey was going to take a bite out of my ankle, I was afraid a hen would nip my ankle. The entire animal caught my eye with disapproval and I was sure it was going to peck me. I walked because if we tried to hurry the cow balked and threatened to tip over the buggy. The sun was going down and we were within a half mile of home when, suddenly, suspicious of the cow's meek silence I looked around. There was no cow."

"Ferdinand and I were terror-stricken. We knew that we were to go to Cousin Philbrook without that expensive Guernsey. If she was left out all night without a blanket or feather tick or whatever it is, she was going to have pneumonia. There was nothing to do but find her. We tied the horse to a fence and started back."

"I went because I was afraid to stay alone with these chickens, which glared at me when they weren't trying to bore holes in my silk stockings. Ferdinand

Stories That Recall Others

Did Not Know Mr. Pickwick

With the Christmas rush and all that employers of clerk cannot be sure that each struggling young woman who displays has frolicked through Dickens, Hawthorne, Goethe, DeBussy, et al., and in addition to knowing "looks" knows cooks. A prospective buyer went into one of the stores. She sought out a book counter. "Have you Pickwick Papers?" the clerk answered:

"You might try the magazine counter."

Fish or Fishes?

It happened on Friday. The telephone rang during the noon hour. A man called for the school principal. He was told that he was at dinner.

"But this is important," thereupon the principal was called and answered the phone. The voice at the other end after identifying himself asked what was the plural of fish, fishes or fish.

The principal said that if one was speaking of specimens it was fishes. The inquirer then said: Then I was right. I told the waiter to "pass the fishes, please," and everyone laughed. Thank you so much.

Today's Anniversaries

- 1805—Asa Packer, founder of Lehigh University, born at Groton, Conn. Died in Philadelphia, May 10, 1878.
- 1848—John Vance Cheney, poet and author, born at Groveland, N. Y. Died at San Diego, Calif., May 1, 1922.
- 1851—The first Y. M. C. A. in the United States was organized in Boston.
- 1862—Gen. Sherman assaulted the Confederate works at Chickasaw Bayou in order to gain the seat of Vicksburg, but was repulsed.
- 1883—The famous San Francisco Minstrels as an organization ceased to exist.
- 1894—Forty persons perished by fire at a Christmas festival at Silver Lake, Oregon.
- 1902—Coronation Durbar at Delhi began with state entry into Delhi and Curzon accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall.
- 1916—Thomas Chase Casgrain, postmaster general of Canada, died at Ottawa, Ont., at Detroit, Mich., July 28, 1912.
- 1921—William Lyon Mackenzie King became premier of Canada.
- 1921—Two killed by bank robbers at Pearl River, N. Y.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Ralph Peters, who is soon to retire from the Long Island railroad, will leave behind him a remarkable record of efficiency and faithful service. It is now nearly a quarter of a century since he became chief executive of the Long Island system. Under his incumbency the road has developed from a small country line into one of the most thickly populated commuting routes and during the same period the company's assets have more than doubled. Mr. Peters is a railroad man by inheritance, both his father and grandfather having been actively identified with the early development of railroad transportation in America. He was born 43 years ago in Atlanta and received his education in the public schools of that city and at the University of Georgia. His first railroad experience was gained as private secretary to Samuel H. McCall, the prominent railroad executive of his day. In later years this experience was broadened by service with prominent roads in the south and west.

Today's Birthdays

- Prof. Solon I. Bailey, in charge of the Harvard observatory at Arequipa, Peru, born at Lisbon, N. H., 47 years ago today.
- Charlotte Walker, well known actress and film star, born at Galveston, Tex., 41 years ago today.
- George Thomas, president of the University of Utah, born at Hyde Park, Utah, 55 years ago today.
- Gen. William Mitchell, chief of the aviation service of the U. S. army, born in France, 47 years ago today.
- Jess Willard, former champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, born in Pointonville county, Kas., 36 years ago today.

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"Yes," replied small Elsie. "She never interrupts me when I am talking."

Chicago News.

Old-fashioned Mother — I'm sure Adelbert would make an ideal husband, my dear. He understands women thoroughly.

Modern Daughter — But, mother, I don't want to be understood—Life.

"Does your family have any trouble with cooks?"

"No; they don't stay around the place long enough to become really troublesome."—Boston Transcript.

Blanks—I see where a senator is introducing a bill for a public shooting grounds.

Jinks—Don't believe they can get the ladies to confine their target practice to a place like that. They prefer to shoot 'em on sight.—Exchange.

"How does young Johnson stand at college?"

"Not very well. He's all right in his studies, but he is more than suspected of cutting football games."—Boston Transcript.

"How rich is your friend, Twobottle?"

"That's hard to say. He doesn't brag about owning two motorcars, but he might be inclined to brag if he had a private yacht."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

"Mr. Meekingham has great presence of mind."

"In that so?"

"Yes, while he was proposing to Miss Stronghead instead of saying, 'Will you be mine?' he said 'May I be yours?'—Kansas City Star.

"Yes, my wife is having this house all done over while she is away."

"Isn't that rather hard on you?"

"Well, yes, I suppose so, but think of how much harder it would be if she were here."—Life.

"For ten years we have been trying to keep up with the neighbors," said Black.

"Well, where are the neighbors going in such a hurry that you want to keep up with them?" asked Brown.

"Haven't the least idea, but I know where I have gotten in is debt," growled Black.—Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

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